

1 DUDDY WERE FALSE AS THEY RELATE TO THE LOCAL CHURCH?

2 A I COULD FIND NO EVIDENCE OF IT. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
3 CHURCH AT ONE LEVEL IN TERMS OF THOSE WHO HAVE INDEPENDENT
4 MINISTRIES, SUCH AS WITNESS LEE AND BILL FREEMAN, OPERATE
5 OUTSIDE OF THE LOCAL CONGREGATIONS. THEY PERFORM
6 MINISTRIES WHICH THE LOCAL CONGREGATIONS THEN MAKE USE OF.

7 THEY BUY THEIR LITERATURE, ATTEND THEIR CONFERENCES,
8 WHAT HAVE YOU, BUT, FOR EXAMPLE, WITNESS WOULD NOT BE ABLE
9 TO GO INTO A LOCAL CONGREGATION AND TO DO ANYTHING LOCALLY
10 IN THE AFFAIRS OF THAT CONGREGATION.

11 THE LOCAL CONGREGATIONS ARE RUN BY ELDERS, USUALLY
12 ANYWHERE FROM TWO TO FIVE ELDERS AT ANY GIVEN LOCAL
13 CONGREGATION.

14 THE MERE FACT THAT THERE ARE SO FEW ELDERS LIMITS ANY
15 ABILITY THEY HAVE TO DO ANY MANIPULATION. IF YOU ARE GOING
16 TO BE MANIPULATIVE YOU HAVE GOT TO HAVE MORE LEADERS TO
17 KEEP UP WITH PEOPLE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.

18 THE CHURCH IN CHICAGO WITH FOUR OR FIVE ELDERS, THERE
19 ARE THREE OR FOUR HUNDRED MEMBERS AND YOU JUST CANNOT KEEP
20 UP WITH PEOPLE DAY AFTER DAY AND CONTROL THEIR LIVES IF YOU
21 HAVE THAT FEW LEADERS.

22 I MIGHT ALSO ADD THAT THERE IS -- HAS BEEN DEVELOPED
23 IN THE CHURCH A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF LAY RESPONSIBILITY.
24 THEIR OFFICES AND FUNCTIONS ARE BEING TURNED OVER ALL THE
25 TIME SO THAT PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS MOVING IN AND OUT OF LEADERSHIP
26 POSITIONS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVELY IN TERMS OF
27 RUNNING THE BUILDING AND DOING THE AFFAIRS OF THE LOCAL CHURCH,
28 AND IN CHICAGO HANDLING THE BOOK STORE MATTERS, SO IT IS ALWAYS